

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 57

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A RESOLUTION to designate March 1, 2011, as "Volunteer Firefighter Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective well-being, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, many Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service as firefighters, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those facing emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the communities of the State of Tennessee are fortunate to enjoy the protection of thousands of volunteer firefighters, who train and work assiduously because of their overwhelming desire to serve others, with no expectation of gratitude or reward; and

WHEREAS, never knowing when an ordinary call could put them personally in harm's way, Tennessee's volunteer firefighters daily face the rigors of corporal imperilment in order to protect those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, remaining calm and courageous even under the most trying conditions, these intrepid individuals battle the inferno with no thought of personal safety in their fearless efforts to distinguish the flames and rescue the endangered civilians; and

WHEREAS, the heroic actions of the volunteer firefighters who protect our communities coupled with their unflinching valor in helping those in need, often at great cost to themselves, have brought peace of mind to Tennessee residents and inspired generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this General Assembly should pause to honor the gallant service of all the volunteer firefighters who serve their communities and neighbors with honor and bravery; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate March 1, 2011, as "Volunteer Firefighter Day" in Tennessee in honor of the unwavering service rendered by the valiant and dedicated volunteer firefighters throughout this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared with this final clause omitted from such copy.